## I. <u>LISTING OF CLAIMS</u>:

Please cancel claim 13 without prejudice. Kindly amend claims 14-17 and 19, and add new claim 27 as follows.

The following claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the present application.

## **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Previously Presented) A sealant epoxy-resin molding material, comprising an epoxy resin (A) and a hardening agent (B), wherein the epoxy resin (A) contains a compound represented by the following General Formula (I):

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R^{2} \\$$

wherein in General Formula (I), R<sup>1</sup> represents a group selected from substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbon groups having 1 to 12 carbon atoms and substituted or unsubstituted alkoxyl groups having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, and the groups R<sup>1</sup> may be the same as, or different from, each other;

n is an integer of 0 to 4;

 $R^2$  represents a group selected from substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbon groups having 1 to 12 carbon atoms and substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy groups having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, and the groups  $R^2$  may be the same as, or different from, each other; and m is an integer of 0 to 6.

2. (Previously Presented) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 1, wherein the hardening agent (B) contains a compound represented by the following General Formula (II):

$$\begin{array}{c|c} OH & OH & OH \\ \hline \\ CH_2 & CH_2 & CH_2 \\ \hline \\ R^3 & d \end{array} \qquad (II)$$

wherein  $R^3$  represents a group selected from a hydrogen atom and substituted or unsubstituted monovalent hydrocarbon groups having 1 to 10 carbon atoms; and d is an integer of 0 to 10.

- 3. (Previously Presented) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 1, further comprising a hardening accelerator (C).
- 4. (Original) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 3, wherein the hardening accelerator (C) is triphenylphosphine.
- 5. (Original) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 3, wherein the hardening accelerator (C) is an adduct of a tertiary phosphine compound and a quinone compound.
- 6. (Previously Presented) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 1, further comprising an inorganic filler (D).

- 7. (Original) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 6, wherein the content of the inorganic filler (D) is 60 to 95 wt % with respect to the sealant epoxy-resin molding material.
- 8. (Previously Presented) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 6, wherein the content of the inorganic filler (D) is 70 to 90 wt % with respect to the sealant epoxy-resin molding material.
- 9. (Previously Presented) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 1, further comprising a coupling agent (E).
- 10. (Original) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 9, wherein the coupling agent (E) contains a secondary amino group-containing silane-coupling agent.
- 11. (Previously Presented) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 10, wherein the secondary amino group-containing silane-coupling agent contains a compound represented by the following General Formula (III):

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wherein R<sup>4</sup> represents a group selected from a hydrogen atom, alkyl groups having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, and alkoxy group having 1 to 2 carbon atoms;

R<sup>5</sup> represents a group selected from alkyl groups having 1 to 6 carbon atoms and a phenyl group;

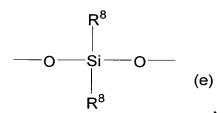
R<sup>6</sup> represents a methyl or ethyl group;

p is an integer of 1 to 6; and q is an integer of 1 to 3.

12. (Previously Presented) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 1, wherein the epoxy resin (A) and the hardening agent (B) are melt-mixed previously.

## 13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 27 Claim 13, wherein the silicon-containing polymer (F) has the following bond (e) additionally:



wherein R<sup>8</sup> represents a group selected from substituted or unsubstituted monovalent hydrocarbon groups having 1 to 12 carbon atoms; and

the groups R<sup>8</sup> in the silicon-containing polymer may be the same, as or different from, each other.

15. (Currently Amended) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 27 Claim 13, wherein the softening temperature of the silicon-containing polymer (F) is 40°C or higher and 120°C or lower.

16. (Currently Amended) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 27 Claim 13, wherein R<sup>7</sup> in the silicon-containing polymer (F) is at least one of a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group and a substituted or unsubstituted methyl group.

17. (Currently Amended) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 27Claim 13, wherein the rate of substituted or unsubstituted phenyl groups having 1 to 12 carbon atoms in all groups R<sup>7</sup> in the silicon-containing polymer (F) is 60 to 100 mol %.

18. (Previously Presented) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 1, further comprising at least one of a compound (G) represented by Compositional Formula (XXXXIX) and a compound (H) represented by the following Compositional Formula (XXXXXIX):

$$\begin{split} &Mg_{1\text{-}a}Al_a(OH)_2(CO_3)_{a/2}\cdot kH_2O\ (XXXXIX),\\ &wherein\ 0 < a \leq 0.5; \ and\\ &k\ is\ a\ positive\ number),\ and \end{split}$$

BiO<sub>b</sub>(OH)<sub>y</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>z</sub> (XXXXXIX), wherein 
$$0.9 \le b \le 1.1, 0.6 \le y \le 0.8$$
, and  $0.2 \le z \le 0.4$ .

19. (Currently Amended) An electronic component device, comprising an element sealed with the sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to <u>Claim 27Claim 13</u>.

20. (Previously Presented) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 6, further comprising a coupling agent (E).

21. (Previously Presented) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 20, further comprising a silicon-containing polymer (F) having the following bonds (c) and (d),

a terminal selected from  $R^9$ , a hydroxl group and alkoxy groups, and an epoxy equivalence of 500 to 4,000,

wherein R<sup>9</sup> represents a group selected from substituted or unsubstituted monovalent hydrocarbon groups having 1 to 12 carbon atoms;

the groups  $R^9$  in the silicon-containing polymer may be the same as, or different from, each other; and

X represents an epoxy group-containing monovalent organic group.

- 22. (Previously Presented) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 3, further comprising an inorganic filler (D).
- 23. (Previously Presented) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 3, further comprising a coupling agent (E).
- 24. (Previously Presented) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 3, wherein the epoxy resin (A) and the hardening agent (B) are melt-mixed previously.

25. (Previously Presented) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 3, further comprising a silicon-containing polymer (F) having the following bonds (c) and (d),

a terminal selected from R<sup>7</sup>, a hydroxyl group and alkoxy groups, and an epoxy equivalence of 500 to 4,000,

wherein R<sup>7</sup> represents a group selected from substituted or unsubstituted monovalent hydrocarbon groups having 1 to 12 carbon atoms;

the groups  $R^7$  in the silicon-containing polymer may be the same as or different from each other; and

X represents an epoxy group-containing monovalent organic group.

26. (Previously Presented) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 3, further comprising at least one of a compound (G) represented by Compositional Formula (XXXXIX) and a compound (H) represented by the following Compositional Formula (XXXXXIX):

$$Mg_{1-a}Al_a(OH)_2(CO_3)_{a/2}\cdot kH_2O$$
 (XXXXIX), wherein  $0 < a \le 0.5$ ; and m is a positive number), and

BiO<sub>b</sub>(OH)<sub>y</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>z</sub> (XXXXXIX), wherein 
$$0.9 \le b \le 1.1, \ 0.6 \le y \le 0.8, \ and \ 0.2 \le z \le 0.4.$$

27. (NEW) A sealant epoxy-resin molding material, comprising:

an epoxy resin (A);

a hardening agent (B); and

a silicon-containing polymer (F), wherein the silicon-containing polymer (F) has the following bonds (c) and (d),

a terminal selected from R<sup>7</sup>, a hydroxyl group and alkoxy groups, and an epoxy equivalence of 500 to 4,000, wherein R<sup>7</sup> represents a group selected from substituted or unsubstituted monovalent hydrocarbon groups having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, and the groups R<sup>7</sup> in the silicon-containing polymer may be the same as, or different from, each other, and X represents an epoxy group-containing monovalent organic group;

wherein the epoxy resin (A) contains a compound represented by the following General Formula (I),

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wherein in General Formula (I), R<sup>1</sup> represents a group selected from substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbon groups having 1 to 12 carbon atoms and substituted or unsubstituted alkoxyl groups having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, and the groups R<sup>1</sup> may be the same as, or different from, each other;

n is an integer of 0 to 4;

 $R^2$  represents a group selected from substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbon groups having 1 to 12 carbon atoms and substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy groups having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, and the groups  $R^2$  may be the same as, or different from, each other; and m is an integer of 0 to 6.